

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Thomas & Christine Lofland
DOCKET NO.: 05-24495.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-09-212-011-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Thomas & Christine Lofland, the appellants; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The appellants submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming unequal treatment in the assessment process as the basis of the appeal using four suggested assessment comparables. In addition, the appellants' evidence indicated the subject property is an owner occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under docket number 04-28489.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property based on the evidence submitted by the parties.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's assessment of \$41,093 was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted a grid analysis detailing four assessment comparables to demonstrate the subject property was uniformly assessed. The board of review's evidence also revealed the subject is located in Northfield Township, which has a triennial assessment cycle that began in 2004 and continued through 2006. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Board further finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds a reduction in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND:	\$	8,857
IMPR.:	\$	21,223
TOTAL:	\$	30,080

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

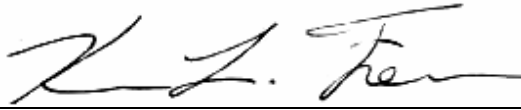
If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review. (35 ILCS 200/16-185)

The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that its prior year's decision shall be carried forward to the subsequent year subject only to any equalization factor applied to that year's assessments. This finding is pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185). The record contains no evidence indicating the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction subsequent to the Board's decision or that the assessment year in question is in a different general assessment period. For these reasons the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted to reflect the Board's prior year's finding plus the application of any factor applied for equalization.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board are subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



Chairman



Member



Member



Member



Member

DISSENTING: _____

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: September 28, 2007



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing

complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.